

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15-18 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 13-16 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Axthammer (U.S. Pat. No. 3,391,922). Independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to have the booster define two booster chambers where the cross-sectional area of the chambers is different such that a first change in pressure in the first pressure chamber causes a second change in pressure in the second pressure chamber. The first change in pressure being different than the second change in pressure.

Axthammer discloses a first pressure chamber 14' that is the same cross-sectional area as the second pressure chamber 14" and thus there will be no difference in the pressure changes due to the movement of piston 14.

Thus, Applicants believe Claims 1, 8 and 15, as amended, patentably distinguish over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 2, 6 and 7 which ultimately depend from Claim 1; Claims 9, 13 and 14 which ultimately depend from Claim 8; and Claims 16 and 20-22 which ultimately depend from Claim 15 are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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